Maintenance and setting up of Power Plants by NTPC in other countries

1654. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC is eyeing for large scale participation in maintenance and setting up of power plants in other countries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof with the details of the projects;

(c) whether it is also a fact that NTPC is exploring the possibility of LNG in offshore areas in Gulf and African countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is exploring business opportunities in Operation and Maintenance (O&M) jobs of power stations outside India. NTPC is also envisaging setting up a power project in Sri Lanka. In the process, NTPC team visited Sri Lanka and has sought site-specific reports from Sri Lankan authorities to prepare a detailed proposal.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. In order to have the variable cost of generation for combined cycle plant(s) comparable to the existing coal-fired station, NTPC is exploring the possibility of sourcing gas/Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Gulf and African countries, so that the delivered cost of gas/LNG at the power plant boundary is around US $ 3 per Million Metric British Thermal Unit (MMBTU). In this context, NTPC is holding dialogues with various coutries in the Gulf Region like Abu Dhabi, Yemen, Oman etc., and with Nigeria in Africa.

Rosa Thermal Power Plant

1655. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of thermal power plants sanctioned by Government during each of the last three years in the country;

(b) the names and details of plants where the work has started;

(c) the present position of Rosa Thermal Power Plant;